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(Our Docket No.: 406590)

In re the Application of)

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For: PROGRAMMABLE COMPUTER)
CONTROLLED EXTERNAL)
VISUAL INDICATOR FOR)
GAMING MACHINE)

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RULE 132 DECLARATION

I, Craig A. Paulsen, hereby declare as follows:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,605,506 to Hoom et al. (Hoom) cited by the Patent Office in its rejection of the present application, fails to teach or suggest all of the elements of the claimed invention.
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,265,984 to Molinaroli (Mol) cited by the Patent Office in its rejection of the present application, fails to teach or suggest all of the elements of the claimed invention.

3. Mol fails to teach or suggest the use of a display device for a gaming machine and is not concerned with the same field as Hoom.

4. Mol fails to teach or suggest a display device for use as a candle of a gaming machine.

5. Because Mol has no disclosure concerning gaming machines, I believe one of ordinary skill in the art of gaming machines would not have considered Mol and therefore it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Mol and Hoom to arrive at the presently claimed invention.

6. Mol discloses only devices that require movement of the entire device itself or movement of LEDs within the device for operation of the LEDs.

7. Mol does not disclose a device that may remain stationary for operation of the LEDs of the device.

8. Because Mol does not teach stationary display devices, I believe one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Mol with Hoom.

9. Hoom discloses that it may be desirable to easily replace components such as light bulbs and antennas.

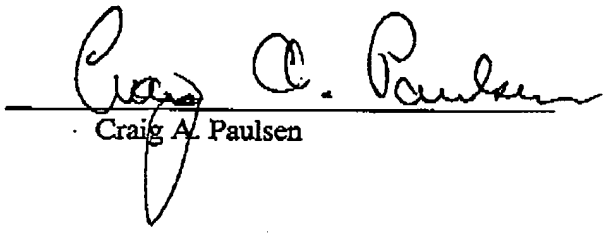
10. Mol does not teach easy replaceability of LEDs. To my knowledge in this context, at the time of Mol, LEDs were not generally easily replaceable.

11. I believe that one of ordinary skill in the art could not just substitute the movable LED arrangements of Mol with the stationary light bulb of Hoom without modification.

12. I have reviewed the Mol patent and cannot find any suggestion to combine his teachings with Hoom. Therefore, I believe that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Mol with Hoom and, therefore, would not have arrived at an

invention of a gaming machine having a programmed processor providing for the control of the color display of the external visual indicator including multiple LEDs.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 7/9/03
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